

# THE REHEARSAL Of Observator, &c.

Of the Art of BULLYING. Of the Character of the Tackers. Of the Moderation of the Church of England.

From Saturday December the 16th, to Saturday December the 23th, 1704.

Country-m. **M**Y old Master Again! How have I been Cheated this Month past, with a *Rogue* that took thy Name; But he did not Talk like Thee. The Church-side of his Face was exactly thy Phizz, that I took it for Thine own self, when he Talk'd of Religion, which he Plac'd neither in High or Low, but in Thy NO Church.

But the State-side of his Mouth spoke Quite Different from thy Fargon, he was for some Respect to be Paid to Princes, which Thou Abhorst. And he Favour'd not thy MOBB Original of Government. But I have Left him off, and am now Return'd to be THY Rehearser again. Therefore Cock up thy Face, and come Answer me. For I have some Perious Questions to Put to Thee.

In the first Place, Was it thy Innocence or thy Impudence, That after thy late Escape at thy Trial, thou shoud'st Immediately Begin to Transgress again? And thou hast don't in more Outragious and Provoking manner than Before, in Putting thy Name, even the Worthy Name of John Tutchin to all thy Observators since thy Trial, which thou did'st not do Before: And moreover hast Own'd thy self the Author of thy Three Volumes of Observators. Whereby thou stands Chargeable with All Contain'd in them All. Which is Enough to Hang a County! Was it by Advice of Council, or thy own Hot Head thou did'st it?

Obs. By Advice of Council? Ay, of All the Party! And it is the only SAFE Method, as WE have All Resolv'd. The Method and the Word now is Bullying! We have Try'd it often before this Time. And WE still Prevail by it. As WE have Always done, whenever it had the Effect WE Propose by it, that is Frightning. For then WE must Prevail!

We have neither Law, nor Reason, nor Scripture on our side. We have been fairly Beaten from all these, that we have not a Word to say.

Therefore We Bully with our Numbers, and call our selves LEGION, for we are Many! And now More, as We tell in the third Edition, with more Additions, Just now Publish'd, to Hearten up our Myrmidons.

Country-m. If your Numbers and Interest Prevail in the Nation, how is it that you cannot get a House of Commons, but what is still Pressing this Occasional Bill?

Obs. We are not the MAJOR Number, nor the Half of it; And far less have We the Men of Estates and Quality on our side. But we make SOME believe, That WE are most in Number, because We make most Noise! More than all the Rest of the Nation! If Others made Half so much, or were Half so Daring, We shoud soon be Run down, and Disappear, as a Mist before the Sun. And We Boast, That it was OUR Interest which Carry'd it in the House of Commons against the Tacking.

Country-m. If it had been TOUR Interest, YOU would have Carry'd it against Bringing in the Bill, or have thrown it out TOUR SELVES. But as the Bill was carry'd by a Great Majority; so many that were for it, were against the Tacking of it, That the Lords might not Pretend any Force or Compulsion put upon them. And was not this an HIGH Act of MODERATION? When did TOUR Party ever shew the Like, when they thought they had an Advantage?

Obs. Never. And I hope never will. I shoud Quit them, if I saw them once come to Forsake Principles! But WE say, That the Commons have no Power to Tack. That the Lords have Voted against it.

Country-m. I will not meddle with either of their Rights or Privileges. These are things above my Understanding. But I did not Hear, that any of the Commons were against the Tacking, upon that Head. And I have Heard, that there has been Tacking before this, even in the last GLORIOUS Reign of Liberty and Property; as in the Case of the East-India Company, in the Resumption of the Irish Grants, &c. And we have an old saying, That What has been, may be. Therefore, waving the Point of Power, We must put this wholly upon their MODERATION!

Obs. And WE have Paid them our Thanks for it! One of my Seconds, JOHN DUNTON, in his Athenian Catechism. N. 17. of Wednesday this December

December 13. has Published The Character of a Tacker, wherein WE Expose all that Voted for the Tack, to the Justice of the Mob; We Represent them of Hearts Entirely FRENCH: As Enemies to ENGLAND. As Beasts of Prey, and to be n'd as such, by all TRUE ENGLISH MEN, and Justly excluded from RELIGION and PROPERTY, and to be HANG'D without LAW. And so (he concludes) there's an End of the TACKER.

Country-m. These TACKERS are above 130 of the most Considerable Men in the House. And there's an End of Them! But what will you do with all the Rest, who Voted for the Bill?

Obs. The same way, ALL the same way shall they Go! But WE'LL take them by Parcels. Not All at Once, lest they be too Many for Us! Our Quarrel is the same with them ALL. It is not the Tacking; but the BILL is our Grievance.

Country-m. But is not this Atacking the Privilege of the whole House of Commons? Few things Pass there Nemine Contradicente. And if the Minor Number, upon any Division of the House, may be thus Treated, what becomes of their Liberty of Speech, and Freedom of Debate?

Obs. They shall have None, where WE, or the CAUSE is Concern'd! They have this Privilege only against the Crown. But not against US their Constituents and Original! Not against ME, who, (as I said before, and thou hast Rehears'd to me again) have Two Members in that House, Representing my Person! Nor against any of my Under-Spur-Leathers, such as John Dunton, &c!

Have not WE Legion'd and Million'd the House of Commons, after the Last Session all over the Nation, as the Greatest Rogues and Villains upon the Face of the Earth? And now Again, in this very Session. For WE Improve! Have not I put them into my List of Knaves, as thou hast before Rehears'd? And what Harm has come to US? And as soon as this Session is over, thou shall see New Black-Lists, and may-be PICTURES, A-la-Mode de DUTCH LAND.

Country-m. But methinks you shou'd have stay'd till the Session was over, before you put out your Character of the Tackers, and your New-LEGION, for fear of bringing the Displeasure of the House upon you.

Obs. No. It is the Greater Bullying of that! Since the House of Commons was Legion'd, and that PAPER Hawk'd about the Streets, in the Last Reign, while the House was Sitting, and they took no Notice of it, We have Grown Bolder and Bolder, and Now we think We have them at Mercy! you see JOHN DUNTON Defies them! And I have Expos'd them, till I am out of Breath! They have Learn'd Passive Obedience, and Moderation!

Country-m. But suppose they shou'd order a Prosecution against you or him?

Obs. O, we know how to Manage Prosecutions! They'r almost weary of that Trade.

Country-m. Be not too Confident. They may Impeach you if they will.

Obs. Won'd they Won'd. That's the way to Preferment! you know the Party must be Pleas'd! For are not WE Considerable?

Country-m. But not Half so Considerable yet as the Church-party, if they won'd Exert themselves.

Obs. If the Sky falls, we shall Catch Lark. They Exert themselves! They know not How. They are not Udd to That. They are not yet got out of their Non-Resistance LAZINESS. If they won'd but shew, that it were Possible for them to be Angry or Disoblig'd, then they wou'd be Regard'd. And they who cannot be Disoblig'd, are not Worth Obliging. This makes Us the Formidable Party. WE Swear and Bluster, That if WE are not Pleas'd in Every thing, WE'LL Presently Rebel, and set them All through Other! And they know WE make no Bones of That!

Country-m. But we have seen the time when the Church of England cou'd be Disoblig'd, and shew their Resentments with a Wit-ness!

Obs. Hang 'em. WE Drew them in, and they were Catch'd before they were Aware. They cannot Name Six of all their Bishops or Clergy that were Trusted with the Secret. We Cajoul'd them, as We do now, That We intend-ed to go so far, and no further. And when they found themselves in the Snare, they immediately Cry'd out! The Chief of them Left Us; And the Rest Follow'd Us Trembling! Then they sought to Compound, and said they wou'd Comply so Far, but DECLAR'D they wou'd rather Die than go one Step further. So that WE were forc'd to Drive them, and Ramm their DECLARATIONS Down their Throats. Then We Upbraided them with what they had Done. And told them, they were come over to our Principles, which they had so vigorously Oppos'd BEFORE! And WE Laugh'd at them for it, and Insulted over them, in our New Test of the Church of England's Loyalty, and again of their Honesty, and again of their Christianity. And left them none of the Three.

Country-m. Had all these Left them, because they came over to YOU? But is this the way you Treat your Profelites? This is small Encouragement for any to come over to YOU.

Obs. We knew they were not Sincere, and were only Forc'd into it. We Dealt with them, after the Example of our Master. LEGION, Sooth and Flatter them to Come in to our Circle; And then they are Our Own! We may Do with them what we will! Tear them in Pieces, and Devour them. We observe the JEWISH Proverb, to make as many Profelites as We Can; But to Trust none of them, to the third Generation.

Do We not Know Them by our Selves? We know with what Sincerity we go to Church, and and Conform OCCASIONALLY for Places, and what Use WE Intend to make of being Let in to Trust and Power! Even the same WE Ever did! As in the Reigns of Charles I. Charles II. and James II.

Can the ETHIOP Change his SKIN?